THE

Judicious Choice.

A Beautiful face, and a form without fault,
Are not the attractions by which I am caught;
Good nature, good ſenſe, and an honeſt, free mind,
Are perfections in woman to which I'm inclin'd.

With beauty alone 'tis in vain to engage,
For paſſion muſt cool in the winter of age;
'Tis only good humour, fair friendſhip, and truth,
That can charm us in age, as they charm us in youth.

The lily and roſe with attention ſurvey;
Like beanty, their charms are as tranſient & gay;
Ye fair, think of this, when by vanity ſway'd,
Tho' you bloom like the roſe, like the roſe you muſt fade.

Then, Venus, no more your deluſions employ;
Like a Syren you tempt, like a Syren deſtroy:
By reaſon I'm taught, that in chuſing a wife,
Thoſe beauties are beſt that will laſt her for life.

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